

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method of facilitating the harvesting of leafy plants, the method comprising:

providing a movable cover;

moving the cover over a field of leafy plants prior to dawn of a day that harvesting is desired;

~~leaving the cover over the field of leafy plants for an amount of time to control at least one parameter of the environment of the field of leafy plants;~~

~~removing the cover from at least a portion of the field of leafy plants after dawn of the day harvesting is desired; and~~

~~harvesting from at least some of the leafy plants while the field or surrounding fields are in a frost or frozen condition. from the field of leafy plants.~~

12. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein the leafy plants are at least one of a group comprising lettuce, spinach, cabbage, baby leaves, baby lettuce and baby spinach.

13. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein the at least one parameter is from a group comprising temperature, atmosphere and light.

14. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 further comprising supplying air under the cover.

15. (original) A method in accordance with claim 14 wherein the air is heated.
16. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein two covers are provided, moved over the field of plants, left over the field of plants for the amount of time, and removed from the field of plants.
17. (original) A method in accordance with claim 16 wherein the covers comprise plastic substantially 4 mils thick.
18. (original) A method in accordance with claim 16 further comprising supplying air under the covers.
19. (original) A method in accordance with claim 18 wherein the air is heated.
20. (original) A method in accordance with claim 16 further comprising supplying air between the covers.
21. (original) A method in accordance with claim 20 wherein the air is heated.
22. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein pesticide is provided under the cover.
23. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein the cover comprises plastic substantially 4 mils thick.
24. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein the cover is removed in twenty foot increments.
25. (original) A method in accordance with claim 11 further comprising covering the field of leafy plants with a shade cloth before harvesting.

26. (currently amended) A method of slowing growth of a field of plants, the method comprising placing at least one cover over the plants to limit the amount of light reaching the plants.

27. (original) A method in accordance with claim 26 wherein the cover comprises shade cloth approximately 4 mils thick.

28. (original) A method in accordance with claim 27 wherein the cover comprises one of plastic or woven plastic.

29. (original) A method of preventing ice formation in leaves in plants in a field, the method comprising placing at least one cover over the plants prior to dawn of a day the plants are desired to be harvested.

30. (original) A method in accordance with claim 29 wherein the cover comprises plastic.

31. (original) A method in accordance with claim 30 wherein the cover is approximately 8 mils thick.